GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3348
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2000
DAMAGE TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
HANNAN MOLLAH

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are aware of severe damage to National Highways in West Bengal due to unprecedented floods;

(b) if, so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)[MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B. KHANDURI, AVSM]

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Highway No. 31,34 and 35in 415 km. length were badly damaged. Protection work of2 major bridges on NH.31 were badly damaged,approaches of one major bridge on NH.34 were washed away and one old bridge on NH-35 was damaged. 11 km of NH-35 near Bangladesh Border remained submerged under water for more than one month.

(c) In order to take up full restoration of flood damages, Rs. 19.00 crore has been allocated.